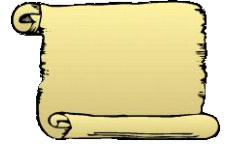


## Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and Chesterton



**Sunday 27th August 2017**  
**11th Sunday after Trinity**

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Office email enquiries@[cirenparish.co.uk](mailto:cirenparish.co.uk).  
Office contact telephone number 01285 659317

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Little Angels** – due to unforeseen circumstances out of our control, there will be no Little Angels service on this date.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – Due to unforeseen circumstances out of our control, the Mid-day Eucharist will be taking place at 10.00am that morning.

**HELP!** – We are still in need of people to man stalls at the Parish Autumn Fayre on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. **Particularly would someone volunteer to coordinate the refreshments in the hall?** We hope that cakes will be donated so it's just the ingredients for the tea/coffee/squash that needs to be organised!!

**Money Tree** – Watch out for small envelopes to put change in for this popular stall at the Fayre.

**Mothers' Union** members will be manning the Cake Stall at the Parish Fayre on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Donations of cakes will be much appreciated.

**Calling all knitters** - I am again running the knitting stall at the Parish Fayre on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> and would welcome items for the stall. Baby/small children's cardigans and dollies clothes are usually popular *Kathie Cottey*

**Parish Autumn Fayre - 9th September** - Just a reminder to all draw ticket holders from Tony Clack. Please ensure that you return your ticket stubs and the cash to any Committee Member as soon as possible along with unused tickets. If your ticket stub is not in the Draw then you can't win any of the wonderful prizes that we have for you! For those of you who have yet to purchase tickets, please obtain them from any of the three Churches where they are readily available. Items suitable as presents are still very welcome, bottles and Groceries included. We would like to see a larger number of Draw tickets being sold throughout the parish please. We are still looking for volunteers for the numerous stalls and particularly to run the Afternoon Teas stall. If you are keen to come along and give a hand then please contact either Peter Cottey or myself for further details. Go on, buy some tickets! *Tony Clack*

**Bibles for Watermoor School - THANK YOU!** I'm pleased to say that we have reached our targets for fundraising for three sets of 30 bibles for Watermoor School. A huge thank you to everybody who has donated. Now the school will have a full set of age-appropriate bibles per key stage for classroom study and personal reflection, both of which we are keen to encourage as a church

school. On behalf of the governors, the staff and most importantly, the children of Watermoor School, we want to say that we are so grateful for the love and support of the church family. *PS - if you have pledged a donation but not yet given it, please pass it to Ally Castle, school governor, after the 10am service at Holy Trinity or email her at allycastle@hotmail.com.*

**Ride & Stride 2017** - This year's sponsored Ride & Stride takes place on Saturday 9 September. This is a wonderful opportunity to walk, cycle, ride or even drive between churches around the county, raising funds for your own church and supporting Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust at the same time. Ailsa O'Connor will be cycling on the day and is looking for sponsors to support her fundraising for St John Baptist. You can contact her on 01285 643343 or sign her sponsorship form at the Parish Office. Or even better, get in touch with her if you'd like to take part yourself. Thank you.

**The Lego Abbey** - is taking shape and to allow completion we invite everyone to buy a brick or another brick for themselves, their family and friends. The building has caught the imagination of all ages from all round the world e.g. New Zealand, Japan and California. Bishop Rachel planted a Lego tree when construction began and will be returning for the Community Harvest Supper on 23rd September to view progress. Please ask the Abbey 900 Stewards for more information.

**Next Men's Group Meeting:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 – Following the August break, our next M.G. meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. We will be at our usual venue, the upstairs function room at The Crown, 17 West Market Place, Cirencester GL7 2NH: arrival from 7.45pm, for 8.15pm start. The Speaker at the meeting will be Colin Rank, local businessman, farmer and current chair of the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance. If you would like further information please contact David Henson on 07790313249

**Mothers' Union** - Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm** in Watermoor Church Hall. Our guest speaker is Andrew Steele from Mission Aviation Fellowship, and he will talk to us about 'Flying for Life'. Cards from MU enterprises will be on sale and there will also be a bring & buy stall. Refreshments are served at the end of the meeting. All are welcome at our meetings, members or not.

**Songs of Praise on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – at the Parish Church at 6.00pm. Come and sing some favourite hymns chosen and introduced by members of the Parish.

**Prayer Morning, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – Please join us at 22 Abbey House at 10.30am where we will be praying for all relevant needs for our schools, our churches and town. For all peoples and countries in this troubled world and world leaders everywhere. Please stay for coffee & biscuits afterwards. *Val Manson*

**Harvest Festival - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September** - This year the Flower Group will have a display of local produce at the Harvest Festival and would welcome donations of fruit and vegetables from all gardeners and allotment-holders. Please bring your donations to the church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Saturday morning 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations of shoe boxes also welcome!  
*Kathleen Lindesay*

**Church Shop Volunteers needed** - Is there anyone who would like to help in the shop on a Saturday, 11.30am - 1.00pm slot or the 2.30pm - 4.00pm slot? Maybe once a month, if possible? We are very short of helpers for these times and would appreciate any help. Maybe you would like to be on a list of volunteers who could help out occasionally and not have the worry of committing to a certain time each week or month? This would be great to have you on board. Just e mail me at churchshop@cirenparish.co.uk or telephone me on 01285 659317. *Bron Dale*

**Various projects planned for the Parish Church** are now coming to fruition. The glass case containing chained 17<sup>th</sup> century books (formerly near the entrance to the Lady Chapel) has been re-sited under the tower, set on a new oak base. The Stuart and Hanoverian coats of arms formerly on the East walls of the North and South aisles have been taken down, prior to cleaning. The Hanoverian coat of arms (circa 1745) is painted on canvas and in the 60's was found nailed over the Stuart arms (dated 1663) which is on a wood panel. Either the townfolk at the time were economizing or anticipating the short return of the Stuarts for, if Bonnie Prince Charlie had beaten the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, the Hanoverians may well have been on their way home. Since this did not happen we now have both coats of arms. They are at present in the Trinity Chapel, each around 7ft square, and available for viewing as never again. They will both be re-hung on the East wall of the North aisle.  
*Peter Bontoft*

### **This Sunday's Services (August 27th)**

#### **Parish Church**

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock
10am	Eucharist	Revd Colin Mattock with Revd Julian Wilson
6pm	Evensong	Mr. Richard Marlowe

#### **Holy Trinity**

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Katie Richardson
10am	Eucharist	Revd Canon Karen Schmidt with Revd Paul Springate

#### **St Lawrence**

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Penny Light
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## Next Sunday's Services (September 3rd)

### **Parish Church**

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Colin Mattock
10am	Eucharist	Rt Revd Robert Evans with Mr Hugo Kennard
6pm	Evensong	Mr. Richard Marlowe

### **Holy Trinity**

8am	Holy Communion	Revd Paul Springate
10am	Eucharist	Revd Paul Springate

### **St Lawrence**

10.30am	Eucharist	Revd Rosemary Franklin
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## **Readings for next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2017**

### **12th Sunday after Trinity**

#### **Readings**

**Jeremiah 15. 15 - 21**

**Romans 12. 9 - end**

**Matthew 16. 21 - end**

### Dates for the Week

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August, BANK HOLIDAY, Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, Beheading of John the Baptist**

11:00am	Guided Tour (Parish Church)
1:00pm	Organ practice – H. Clist-Woodward (Parish Church)
2:30pm	Guided Tour (Parish Church)
6:30pm	Bell Ringing practice (Holy Trinity)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688**

9:00am	Drop in (St. Lawrence)
11:00am	Guided Tour (Parish Church)
7:00pm	Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651**

2:00pm	Funeral – David Pierce (Parish Church)
4:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal – Karen Schmidt (Parish Church)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Giles of Province, Hermit c.710**

2:30pm	Guided Tour (Parish Church)
6:30pm	Wedding Rehearsal – Katie Richardson (Parish Church)

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942**

11:00am	Wedding – Kirby/Stanton (Parish Church)
3:00pm	Wedding – Putney/Dudgeon (Parish Church)